



**S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control**  
**Renal Dialysis Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
(pending approval next meeting)  
March 6, 2008

Participating Members: Rebecca Regan, John Zielinski, Jane Simmons, Karen Delcioppo, Betty Pendarvis, Dr. M.S. Nassri, Yvonne Elliott, Harriet Pazik, Roxanne Poole (minutes)

DHEC Staff: Randy Clark, Dennis Gibbs, Nancy Maertens

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nassri at 1:05 PM and the minutes of September 13, 2007 were approved.

Old Business:

- Hepatitis B screening: Nancy will resubmit Hep B testing proposal that this committee developed to those at DHEC that need to review the proposal. She said that CMS has developed some new regulations on this issue and she will consult those regulations. Dennis Gibbs said all facilities would be notified of the changes if this new proposal is approved.
- LPN role: The state board of nursing has the definition of the scope of practice in the renal dialysis facility and this is on the website.

New Business:

- Home Hemo (HH) and Peritoneal Dialysis (PD): HH and PD need to be listed on the application for licensing and facilities pay a fee for HH but not PD. Facilities need to be sure that all of the services that they provide are correctly listed on the application. No one will be told to cease services if they are not on the application at this time. Facilities that provide HH and PD need to go through Facilities Construction and get approval for the space that they are/will be using. PD will not be on the face of the license, but will be listed on the application. June is the deadline for getting the application done. After June, facilities will get a citation if the information is not correct. Nancy said facilities could call her to check on which services are listed on their application in the DHEC master file.
- Administrator Changes: This needs to be in writing by the governing body and the resume of the administrator needs to have 2 of the last 5 years of nursing experience in renal dialysis. The candidate needs to fit the criteria for the administrator. In unusual cases, facilities may apply for an exception.
- Nocturnal dialysis (ND): ND is under the same regulations and staffing requirements as in-center HD. A letter needs to be sent to DHEC with a cc to CMS notifying the agencies of the times and days that the center is open for ND. This information is required as part of the license. Certification needs to know any changes in services that are provided in the facilities.
- Nancy informed us that Harriet Pazik is resigning. The present committee members will also be reviewed as there are some requirements as to the makeup of the committee. The commissioner of DHEC makes the appointments and all members will need to be recertified.
- Dennis Gibbs discussed the exploration of posting the minutes "pending approval" on the DHEC website so that the public may be more aware of information from the agency.
- Next meeting is set for September 4, 2008 at 1 PM.

As there was no further business, Rebecca made a motion to adjourn, Karen seconded it, and Dr Nassri adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.